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BIFURCATION OF MPEDA
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to bifurcate the Marine Products Export Development Authority;

(b) whether the present location of MPEDA is way out of the main sources of marine exports;

(c) the extent to which the present MPEDA unable to guide and assist marine product exporters on the East Coast; and

(d) the steps proposed to improve functioning of MPEDA?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI OMAR ABDULLAH)

(a) No, Sir.

(b), (c) & (d). Although MPEDA has it Headquarters at Kochi (Kerala), has a number of formations to cater to the requirements of the marine product exporters from East Coast viz., Regional Office at Chennai, Calcutta and Vizag, Sub-Regional Office at Bhubaneswar, Prawn Farming Regional Centres at Bhubaneswar and Vijayawada and Prawn Farming Sub-Regional Centres at Calcutta and Bhimavaram.

The Marine Products Export Development Authority(MPEDA) is responsible for the development of marine products industry in the country with special reference to exports. MPEDA has taken several steps in this direction, which include developing and regulating off-shore and deep-sea fishing, providing assistance to the industry for modernising the processing facilities, facilitating upgradation of quality of export products, educating farmers on steps to prevent and eradicate diseases affecting shrimp farms, providing testing facilities at Regional centres of MPEDA etc.These steps are available to marine products export industry in various maritime states, including those in the East Coast.